



JAMES 5 — ALLEGIANCE, CHARACTER, AND PRACTICE

Two Kingdoms

James reminds us there are two competing kingdoms with different priorities, rules, and outcomes:

- The Earthly Kingdom — shaped by self, urgency, and control
- God’s Kingdom — shaped by trust, faithfulness, and eternity

Faith isn’t just belief; it’s allegiance. James calls us to decide where we belong.

1. Priorities - Contrasts

- When we think “this” is it we focus on the things of “this” place, we lose sight of God’s truth.
- Do not settle for less than what your value really is.

2. Character - Words & Integrity

- God’s people are different because they have Jesus, because they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
- The old you is removed, and you now put on Christ. He is in you and on you. So you now have a character and identity change. The old you is gone.

3. Practice - Prayer & Community

- Suffering → Pray
- Joy → Praise
- Weakness → Ask for prayer
- Sin → Confess and receive grace

God hears His people. Elijah was human like us—and God answered him (James 5:17).

Faith in Action

Allegiance reshapes our priorities, our character, and how we respond to life.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- James talks about two different kingdoms with different priorities.
 - Where do you most clearly see those differences in everyday life?
- Which of the contrasts in James 5 stood out to you the most—time, money, words, patience, or prayer?
 - Why do you think that one hit you?
- James says our “yes” should mean yes and our “no” should mean no.
 - What does integrity look like in real life for you right now?
- When things go wrong, James says to pray—and when things go well, to praise.
 - Which of those comes more naturally to you, and which is harder?
- James 5 invites us to think about where our allegiance really lies.
 - What might change in your life if God’s kingdom truly came first?



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